

MINUTES
Cecil Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Members in attendance included:

- Supervisor Mike Debbis
- Supervisor Andrew Schrader
- Supervisor Frank Ludwin
- Supervisor Tom Casciola
- Supervisor Elizabeth Cowden

In addition:

- Donald A. Gennuso, Township Manager
- Police Chief John Pushak
- Bruce Bosle, Zoning Officer
- Dan Deiseroth of The Gateway Engineers
- 34 Township Residents

- John Smith was noted as absent

Township Reports:

- Township Manager:
 - Mr. Gennuso provided the board with information packets
 - Mr. Gennuso received letters of inclusion for the Supervisors wishing to participate in the township group insurance plan

- Police Report
 - Chief Pushak submitted his report for the month of December and included a yearly report
 - Supervisor Cowden inquired if the police department could set reasonable goals for the year in order to promote future discussions regarding the department's progress and growth
 - Chief Pushak addressed her comments and noted he could meet with Supervisor Cowden to create a report detailing the information she requested

- Building/Zoning
 - Mr. Bosle recapped his previously submitted reports for the month of December

- Supervisor Cowden requested a comparison between the previous years, and Mr. Bosle noted he would provide the Board with a yearly comparison for the February meeting
- Public Works
 - Mr. Gennuso detailed the Public Works Department's recent call-outs for winter weather maintenance
 - Supervisor Debbis inquired of the salt delivery to Southpointe Boulevard, and the members of the road crew in attendance addressed his comments
 - Supervisor Cowden commended the efforts of the Public Works Department
- Engineer's Report
 - Mr. Deiseroth recapped the engineer's report for the month of December
 - Mr. Deiseroth noted the Timber Run Phase 3 release of funds was on the agenda
 - The Homeowners' Association met with the Board last month to discuss the road acceptance
 - Mr. Deiseroth provided Mr. DeNardo with the punch list to accept the roads for February
 - The Southpointe II Widening Project is complete
 - Mr. Deiseroth is working on a final punch list with Don
 - The work on Woodcliff Drive is complete, and lots are being subdivided for future development
 - Last month the Board discussed the Timber Run Revised Master Plan and the necessity of a cul-de-sac on Oliver Street
 - Mr. DeNardo stated he was looking into adding a cul-de-sac to the street, and Mr. Deiseroth noted they were waiting for a revised plan before bringing it back to the board
 - Mr. Deiseroth stated the contractor would be back to work on Morgan Road in the spring to complete the 2011 Paving Project
 - Mr. Deiseroth stated the Klinger Park Project's contracts were signed, and the contracts included a notice for Joe Stewart to begin work on January 30th, 2012
 - Supervisor Casciola inquired of the punch list for Timber Run Phase Three, and Mr. Deiseroth stated most of the work on the punch-list was not weather sensitive
 - Supervisor Cowden inquired of the release bonding funds, and Mr. Deiseroth stated two separate issues were in question—the release of monies as directed by the Developer's Agreement and the Township's acceptance of roadways
 - Supervisor Cowden and Mr. Deiseroth discussed the usage of bonding, the requirements for releasing bond funds, and the overall amount set aside for bonding

- Supervisor Cowden inquired of the roads in Windsor Woods, and Mr. Deiseroth stated a new phase was underway
 - Supervisor Cowden directed Mr. Deiseroth to investigate the remaining bond for the project, and Mr. Deiseroth stated he would provide her with the information
- Mr. Deiseroth noted he met with Mr. Puchany regarding the steps on his property, and he believes the issues can be resolved and the work could potentially be completed by the Public Works Department
- Supervisor Cowden inquired of the Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding the Puchany property, and Mr. Bosle stated the meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 16th at 6:30 PM.
- Fire Departments' Reports
 - Toni Zombeck, Muse VFD #2
 - Ms. Zombeck recapped the department's calls for 2011: 397 calls
 - Supervisor Debbis inquired of the change of addresses for Granview Court and Cypress Drive
 - Mr. Bosle stated Granview Court was successfully changed to Belvedere Drive, and he was speaking with the developer and county 911 regarding Cypress Drive
 - Supervisor Cowden inquired of street maps for the township, and Mr. Deiseroth addressed her comments

Resolutions

14-2012: Accept the minutes of the Thursday, December 29, 2011, Special Board of Supervisors' meeting

ACCEPTED

15-2012: Approve the General Fund invoices from December 1st to December 31, 2011

- Supervisor Cowden inquired of a new report which would detail the invoices and include an itemization of the purchases
 - Supervisor Cowden expressed her interest in signing the checks and recommended provided more information regarding the purpose of the purchase, and Mr. Gennuso stated he would provide her with a report which included more pertinent details

Motioned by: Mr. Schrader

Seconded by: Mr. Ludwin

Voted Yes: Mr. Schrader, Mr. Ludwin, Mr. Casciola, Mr. Debbis

Voted No: None

Abstained: Mrs. Cowden

16-2012: Accept the request of JND Properties for a release of funds in the amount of \$30,497.81 as recommended by Gateway Engineers for Public Improvements in the Timber Run Plan of Lots Phase III

- The road is paved
- The installation of utilities and the lot grading is still taking place
- A total of \$59,152.53 will remain for bonding on the project
- The developer is working on the punch list for acceptance of public improvements and anticipates having the work completed for consideration in February 2012
- Mr. Deiseroth recommended release of the funds

Motioned by: Mr. Casciola

Seconded by: Mrs. Cowden

Voted Yes: Mr. Schrader, Mr. Ludwin, Mr. Casciola, Mr. Debbis, Mrs. Cowden

Voted No: None

17-2012: Approve Subdivision Application #2011-0014, the Janocha Plan of Lots

- The Plan proposes the subdivision of one (1) 12.42 acre lot into three (3) lots:
 - Lot 1R being 5.28 acres
 - Lot 2R being 2.00 acres
 - Lot 3R being 5.15 acres
- The Plan was previously approved by the Board in 2011, but the lot line between Lot 2R and Lot 3R was recently relocated to allow Lot 3R to qualify for Clean and Green Status (a property being at least 5 acres)
- The Plan has been approved on lot sewage systems by the Washington County Sewage Council
- The Planning Commission has recommended approval and all engineering comments have been addressed
- Mr. Deiseroth noted this plan was on DePaoli Road, and he noted the plan was previously approved but not recorded
- The Board discussed the definition of a “clean-and-green” property

Motioned by: Mr. Casciola

Seconded by: Mr. Ludwin

Voted Yes: Mr. Schrader, Mr. Ludwin, Mr. Casciola, Mr. Debbis, Mrs. Cowden

Voted No: None

Old Business:

- Supervisor Casciola inquired of a complaint from Gladden Heights regarding a trucking company
 - Chief Pushak stated a citation had been filed for the individual, and the department is waiting for the magistrate to offer a hearing date
 - The complaint is relating to noise, although the investigations were inconclusive
 - The citation is relating to a violation of the state’s law regarding idling vehicles

- Mr. Bosle stated he was in contact with the solicitor regarding a zoning ordinance pertaining to oversized vehicles staging in residential areas
 - Mr. Bosle noted the problem has been occurring for the past several years
 - Chief Pushak stated the noise complaints were issued within the past few months, but the truck has been present for many years
 - Chief Pushak stated officers have responded on multiple occasions and have been unable to declare a violation of a noise ordinance
- Supervisor Cowden inquired if it would be beneficial to purchase any equipment for noise violations, and Chief Pushak stated he believed it was not necessary for this particular scenario as officers and relatives of the victim were unable to hear the noise on multiple occasions
- Supervisor Schrader inquired the time at which the noise occurs, and Chief Pushak stated the complaint pertained to late night and early morning hours
- Supervisor Casciola stated he believed the township should investigate the complaint in regards to the zoning ordinances relating to trucking companies within residential districts
- Mr. Bosle stated a written violation letter would offer the truck owner a set amount of days to cease the violation, and it also offers him the right to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Mr. Bosle stated the Code Enforcement Officer spoke with the owner of the truck
- Chief Pushak stated the officers had not documented any violations, and their citation was based upon the victim info and witnesses
- Chief Pushak stated a citation had been filed for the individual, and the department is waiting for the magistrate to offer a hearing date
- The Board discussed the potential actions which could be taken by issuing a zoning violation
- Mr. Bosle noted he was speaking with the solicitor regarding the township's next action
- Supervisor Cowden inquired of the entry for Cool Valley on Mr. Deiseroth's report regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation of a blight on the property
 - Mr. Deiseroth defined the term blight in relation to applying for tax breaks such as a TIF or a LERTA
- Supervisor Cowden inquired of the cost of Joe Stewart's work on the Klinger Park Project
 - Supervisor Debbis stated the work was out for a bid during 2011, and the approximate cost of the project
 - Mr. Gennuso stated the work would be paid by a Local Share Grant acquired in 2010

- Supervisor Cowden stated she wished for a breakdown of the monies gained and expended for the project
- The Board discussed the monies acquired through various funds and grants including a \$40,000 pledge from the Soccer Association
 - Supervisor Cowden inquired if the Board received anything in writing from the Soccer Association, and the Board stated the agreement was for the construction of the fields
- Supervisor Cowden suggested re-activating the assistant treasurer position and volunteered for the position
 - Supervisor Debbis stated he currently signs checks, and he stated she is welcomed to be involved with signing checks and examining the invoices
 - Supervisor Cowden stated her wage as a supervisor would be donated to the fire departments
- Supervisor Casciola stated the Board approves the invoices as a single body, and the signatures on the check are merely required by the bank
- The Board discussed the current procedure for issuing checks, and Supervisor Debbis encouraged Supervisor Cowden to spend time with the bookkeeper in order to examine the current procedure

Citizens' Comments:

- Ed Badia, 23 Birch Way
 - Mr. Badia stated he met with Mr. Strnisha regarding his property's improvements
 - Mr. Gennuso addressed his comments
 - Mr. Badia also inquired if the time for citizens' comments could be moved to earlier in the agenda
 - The Board discussed the timing of items of the agenda, and Supervisor Casciola noted that although citizens could contact the Supervisors and the office at any time during the month, many items on the agenda required the consensus of the Board and the council of professionals attending on their own time in order to proceed
 - Supervisor Cowden encouraged a compromise so residents would be allowed to speak during the meeting instead of the end
- Kim Rozanc, Birch Way
 - Ms. Rozanc inquired of the use of documentation for company vehicles
 - Supervisor Debbis stated the Township spoke with their accountants and the issue was being resolved per the tax laws
- Melissa Mitri, 1014 Timber Run Drive and Tom Hannigan of 1010 Timber Run Drive
 - Ms. Mitri discussed an issue on Timber Run Drive regarding the excessive feeding of animals on a neighboring property

- Ms. Mitri presented the board with pictures and letters from her neighbors, and stated they had attempted to find a resolution with the code enforcement department, the HOA, the PA Gaming Commission, County Health Department, and various law enforcement agencies
- Ms. Mitri inquired if an ordinance could be drafted to remedy the situation
 - Supervisor Cowden inquired if the animal control officer could be of assistance with the feral cat problem, and Ms. Mitri stated she had spoken with Ms. Secreet
 - Supervisor Cowden stated the Township has an ordinance regarding dogs and it could be potentially amended to include cats
 - Per resident Jason Krut, the Timber Run HOA has been in contact with the resident in question but no resolution has been reached as they did not wish to pass a restrictive regulation which would negatively impact other residents of the HOA
 - Supervisor Debbis directed Mr. Bosle to be in contact with the county health department and to craft an ordinance to regulate animal feeding
- Jim Tilger, 29 Southview Road
 - Mr. Tilger discussed the installation of the railroad
 - Supervisor Cowden stated the railroad will be crossing near to the middle school
 - Supervisor Ludwin stated the railroad would lessen the impact of tanker trucks on township roadway

Adjournment:

- With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Debbis at 8:50 PM.